



Fact Sheet:



Licensing & Certification of Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Programs

LICENSING

Residential facilities that provide nonmedical alcoholism or drug abuse recovery, treatment, or detoxification services to adults must be licensed by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). Health and safety concerns are the primary focus of the licensing process (e.g., fire clearance, food service, personnel requirements, physical environment, and personal rights.) Nonresidential programs are not required to be licensed.

Local officials may require use permits, depending on the type of residential facility involved. Licensed residential facilities serving six or fewer residents are exempt from local government regulations.

As of April 2001, there were 689 facilities operating under license from ADP. Applications for new facilities are received at an average rate of 9 per month.

COMPLAINTS

ADP investigates all complaints involving licensed facilities. The Department averages 20 complaints per month.

CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Certification is voluntary for all programs. It is considered advantageous in gaining the confidence of both potential residents and third party payers, as it signifies a program which both meets minimal levels of service

quality and is in substantial compliance with state program standards. Participating programs also benefit through the associated technical assistance, training and suggestions for program improvements which are available within the state's alcohol and drug program network. Approximately 62 percent of the licensed residential facilities are alcohol and/or drug certified. The Licensing and Certification Branch also certifies residential facilities that are licensed by the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, the Department of Health Services, as well as facilities operated by the Department of Corrections.

CERTIFICATION OF NONRESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

As of April 2001, there were 390 nonresidential (nonresidential programs do not require licensure) programs that have been granted certification.

There are an undetermined number of nonresidential drug or alcohol programs operating in the state. ADP identifies only those nonresidential programs which request certification.